

# The Noble Resolve: “I Shall Delight...Not Forget Thy Word” Ps. 119:16

## Introduction:

**Ps. 119:9-16** “How can a young man keep his way pure? By keeping it according to Thy word.

**10** With all my heart I have sought Thee; Do not let me wander from Thy commandments.

**11** Thy word I have treasured in my heart, That I may not sin against Thee.

**12** Blessed art Thou, O LORD; Teach me Thy statutes.

**13** With my lips I have told of All the ordinances of Thy mouth.

**14** I have rejoiced in the way of Thy testimonies, As much as in all riches.

**15** I will meditate on Thy precepts, And regard Thy ways.

**16** I shall delight in Thy statutes; I shall not forget Thy word.”

How wonderful and precious is God’s word.

**Ps. 19:8** “The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; The commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes. The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; The commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes.”

And they are praised and respected by God-fearing people of all ages.

This noble resolves includes:

**16** “I shall delight in Thy statutes...”

## I. Delight In God’s Statutes

### A. Receive The Word

We who are Christians have heard that word.

**1 Pet. 1:24,25** “For, “ALL FLESH IS LIKE GRASS, AND ALL ITS GLORY LIKE THE FLOWER OF GRASS. THE GRASS WITHERS, AND THE FLOWER FALLS OFF,  
**25** BUT THE WORD OF THE LORD ABIDES FOREVER.” And this is the word which was preached to you.”

**Heb. 4:1,2** “Therefore, let us fear lest, while a promise remains of entering His rest, any one of you should seem to have come short of it.

**2** For indeed we have had good news preached to us, just as they also; but the word they heard did not profit them, because it was not united by faith in those who heard.”

We received it and were baptized.

**Acts 2:41** “So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and there were added that day about three thousand souls.”

Now we continue in it.

### B. Give Constant Attention To It

Desire the word and grow.

**1 Pet. 2:2,3** “like newborn babes, long for the pure milk of the word, that by it you may grow in respect to salvation,

**3** if you have tasted the kindness of the Lord.”

We have to know it to be blessed by it.

**Jn. 8:31,32** “Jesus therefore was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, “If you abide in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine;

**32** and you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

To be free you must know the truth. To know the truth you must be disciples of Jesus. To be a disciple of Jesus you must abide in his word. Unstated is the obvious, to abide in his word, you must know it.

So listen to it when it is preached.

**Rom. 10:17** “So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.”

**Acts 15:28-32** “For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to lay upon you no greater burden than these essentials:

**29** that you abstain from things sacrificed to idols and from blood and from things strangled and from fornication; if you keep yourselves free from such things, you will do well. Farewell.”

**30** So, when they were sent away, they went down to Antioch; and having gathered the congregation together, they delivered the letter.

**31** And when they had read it, they rejoiced because of its encouragement.

**32** And Judas and Silas, also being prophets themselves, encouraged and strengthened the brethren with a lengthy message.

Some don't want to listen to it enough to sit through almost any length of message.

And read it.

**Eph. 4:3,4** “that by revelation there was made known to me the mystery, as I wrote before in brief.

**4** And by referring to this, when you read you can understand my insight into the mystery of Christ

But many do not read it or ever want any lengthy messages about it.

**Mark 12:26** “But regarding the fact that the dead rise again, have you not read in the book of Moses, in the passage about the burning bush, how God spoke to him, saying, ‘I AM THE GOD OF ABRAHAM, AND THE GOD OF ISAAC, AND THE GOD OF JACOB’?”

So often only a cursory reading is done. Interpretation is left to others or to tradition. This leads to lack of understanding.

So study it.

### C. Meditate On It

**Ps. 119:97** “O how I love Thy law! It is my meditation all the day.”

The preacher is especially charged with this.

**1 Tim. 2:15** “Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, handling accurately the word of truth.”

**1 Tim. 4:15,16** “Take pains with these things; be absorbed in them, so that your progress may be evident to all.

**16** Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; persevere in these things; for as you do this you will insure salvation both for yourself and for those who hear you.”

When one ponders it they learn real lessons from it.

**Matt. 22:28,29** “In the resurrection, then, whose wife of the seven will she be? For all of them had married her.”

**29** Jesus answered them, “You are wrong, because you know neither the scriptures nor the power of God.”

Reception, Attention and Meditation are a joy and a privilege, as well as a God given duty.

**Ecc. 12:13** “The conclusion, when all has been heard, is: fear God and keep His commandments, because this applies to every person.”

If we love it and think on it this much we will certainly remember it.

**16** “...I shall not forget Thy word.”

## II. Remembrance Of God's Word

### A. Retain The Word In Your Heart

Real retention is by following it.

**2 Tim. 1:13** “Retain the standard of sound words which you have heard from me, in the faith and love which are in Christ Jesus.”

When we follow it, we will walk rightly.

**Ps. 119:1,111** “How blessed are those whose way is blameless, Who walk in the law of the LORD.”

**111** “I have inherited Thy testimonies forever, For they are the joy of my heart.”

We can follow worldly ways or God's ways.

**Ps. 1:1-3** “How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, Nor stand in the path of sinners, Nor sit in the seat of scoffers!

**2** But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night.

3 And he will be like a tree firmly planted by streams of water, Which yields its fruit in its season, And its leaf does not wither; And in whatever he does, he prospers.”

Our course of life depends wholly on following wicked men or a holy God.

## B. Rejoice In Its Preciousness

**Ps. 119:4** “Thou hast ordained Thy precepts, That we should keep them diligently.”

It is precious precisely because God gave it.

Spirit came to guided the apostles as they spoke.

**Matt. 10:19,20** “But when they deliver you up, do not become anxious about how or what you will speak; for it shall be given you in that hour what you are to speak.

20 For it is not you who speak, but it is the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you.”

The apostles wrote what they saw and what was revealed by the H.S.

**2 Pet. 1:16-21** “For we did not follow cleverly devised tales when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty.

17 For when He received honor and glory from God the Father, such an utterance as this was made to Him by the Majestic Glory, “This is My beloved Son with whom I am well-pleased”

18 and we ourselves heard this utterance made from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain.

19 And so we have the prophetic word made more sure, to which you do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star arises in your hearts.

20 But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation,

21 for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.”

Paul preached the revealed will of God.

**1 Cor. 2:1-13** “And when I came to you, brethren, I did not come with superiority of speech or of wisdom, proclaiming to you the testimony of God.

2 For I determined to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified.

10 For to us God revealed them through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God.

11 For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the spirit of the man, which is in him? Even so the thoughts of God no one knows except the Spirit of God.

12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things freely given to us by God,

13 which things we also speak, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit, combining spiritual thoughts with spiritual words.”

## III. Why This Resolve Should Be Maintained

### A. To Honor Him Who Loved And Saved Us

God gave us this word just as surely as He gave His son.

We are not to ignore either one.

We owe it to God to serve Him.

**Prov. 3:9** “Honor the LORD from your wealth, And from the first of all your produce”

**Isa. 25:1** “O LORD, Thou art my God; I will exalt Thee, I will give thanks to Thy name; For Thou hast worked wonders, Plans formed long ago, with perfect faithfulness.”

We hope to have the ultimate redemption through Him.

**Rev. 19:7** “Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride has made herself ready.”

### B. Because We Are Thankful

We should be so glad God caused this word come to the world and that it is available to us, that we continually give attention and heed to that word.

**Ps. 100:4,5** “Enter His gates with thanksgiving, And His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him; bless His name.

5 For the LORD is good; His lovingkindness is everlasting, And His faithfulness to all generations.”

**Col. 3:15** “And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful.”

### C. Because He Richly Blessed Us

God has given us so much.

**2 Pet. 1:3** “seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence.”

This word contains the words of life and salvation.

**Jn. 6:68** “Simon Peter answered Him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have words of eternal life.”

**Acts 11:13,14** “...Send to Joppa, and have Simon, who is also called Peter, brought here;

**14** and he shall speak words to you by which you will be saved, you and all your household.”

### Conclusion

So let it be out delight, and let it never leave our minds.

**16** I shall delight in Thy statutes; I shall not forget Thy word.”

There are times when we would like more information on some things, but God has given us enough.

**Deut. 29:29** “The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our sons forever, that we may observe all the words of this law.”

We have what we need for salvation, if we'll only listen to it and not forget.